

BEEF PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

FOUR EXPLOSIONS SCATTER BURNING EM-
BERS-A YOUNG MAN AND SAFE

HURLED FROM THE BUILDING.

Pascale, Nov. 30 (Special).—Pascale to-day witnessed the most disastrous fire it has known in years. The plant of the Pascale Roof Company was totally destroyed. The clock tower, which is the only one of its kind in the city, is supposed to have been blown down.

Ray Griffin, son of Hicks Griffin, the manager, was in the office. He had put wood on the fires a few moments before. He was talking to a young man named Charles Kelly. They smelled smoke and started to investigate. In a few moments there was a fierce blast. Several of the men fled. The clock tower, which was 100 feet high, exploded with loud reports, sending great sheets of flame and clouds of smoke high into the air. The sides of the building were blown out. Ray Griffin

The big frame building, with its lard and fat,

burned like tinder, and was totally wrecked. The safe was blown into the street. The contents of the safe and the papers were saved, but every-

The plant is owned by the George H. Hammond Company, of Hammond, Ind. The loss is about \$20,000. Mr. Griffin says the building and stock were fully insured, and that a new plant will be erected at once.

Several times it looked as though the Griffin silk mill, near by, would go as well, but the firemen were able to save it. Traffic on the Erie railway

was suspended for one hour, and on the trolley lines for three hours. Ten thousand persons crowded to see the fire. There were four explosions. One scattered burning embers, and the police had difficulty in preventing a panic. Mr. Griffin was formerly in charge of a beef plant at Bridgeport, Conn., which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

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COULD NOT WAKE MOTHER.

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A FEDLER RETURNS HOME AND FINDS HIS CHILDREN CRYING AND HIS

WIFE DEAD.

Louis Malinka, a pedler of eyeglasses, living at No. 403 Adams-st., Hoboken, went to South Amboy on Monday and did not return home until Saturday afternoon, when he discovered that his wife, Bertha, thirty-two years old, had died during his absence. On entering the house by means of a latchkey, he found his two little daughters, six and four years old, respectively, crying pitifully, and was told by them that "Mamma" was dead. He found the two children were hungry, and bore evidence of having been badly neglected. Malinka was shocked to find the dead body of his wife lying on the bed.

Neighbors said that Mrs. Malinka was last seen alive on Thursday afternoon, when she went to a drug store to get some medicine. The children believed that she had gone to the store, and imagined that their mother was ill, and tried to awake her. They were unable to unlock the door, and it is believed that they were

When Malinka returned home he was loaded down with trifling presents for his wife and children, and had some fruit which he said he intended for their Thanksgiving dinner.

the Morgue.

PARISH SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.

NO NEW CASES OF DIPHTHERIA REPORTED IN MONTCLAIR.

Montclair, Nov. 26 (Special).—The Rev. Joseph F. Mandl, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, who had declared his intentions of opening the Parochial School to-morrow, regretted the order of the Board of Health, changed his mind this morning and announced to his people that the school would not open until one week from to-morrow, at which time he declared he would certainly open the school. The Board of Health, however, decided not to take any risks in the matter, and two members of the Board visited South Orange this morning and consulted Vicar General O'Connor, who is now acting for the Bishop. The result of the visit has not yet been made known.

There have been no new cases of diphtheria reported in Montclair since the closing of the parochial school.

A WOMAN HOLDS THE FORT.

WITH TWO SHOTGUNS, SHE RETAINS POSSESSION

Atlantic City, Nov. 26 (Special).—Mrs. Amanda Johnson, colored, who has lived for some years in a shanty situated on land in Ventnor, which has

recently come into the possession of Brinton & Co., of Philadelphia, absolutely refuses to move out or allow the building to be moved.

Mrs. Johnson has armed herself with two shot-guns, and during the day remains on guard, declaring her intention of killing with lead any person who comes near her home. John Reed has a contract to improve the land, and has a force of men at work all around the place. He has en-

deavored by peaceful means to achieve what he has failed. The woman seems so determined in her stand that some fears are entertained that should a collision occur there will be bloodshed. However, a resort to law is to be taken before matters are pushed to an issue. Meanwhile the work of improving the land proceeds about the house, while she sits in the house, and

ALL THE PLANS REJECTED.

Orange, Nov. 26 (Special).—The trustees of the Orange Free Library, who, together with the members of the Advisory Board, for the last six weeks have been examining the thirty competitive plans submitted for the new library, the cost of which is to be borne entirely by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stickler, who will make it material to their own, the late Dr. Joseph William Stickler, have decided not to accept any of the plans for execution, as they did

not meet with the approval of Mr. and Mrs. Stickler. There was so much merit in some of the designs that the trustees decided to award a special prize of \$300 for one set of plans, it being 1 per cent on the estimated cost of the building; a prize of \$300 for another set, and \$100 for each of two other

designs. The names of the authors of the plans are withheld for the present.

BOY TOSSED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

John Potter, eleven years old, of No. 274 Pallsade-ave., Jersey City, started to run across the street in front of his home yesterday as trolley car No. 41 was approaching. The boy was struck by the car and hurled some distance. His head hit the

pavement so hard that concussion of the brain resulted. The injured boy was removed to Christ Hospital, and Dr. J. M. F. R. H. was called to attend for atrocious assault and battery, but was paroled.

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HE FOUND THE LEAK.

James Smith, janitor of the bathhouse No. 404 Grand-st., Jersey City, was making an investigation in the cellar last evening to find a leak in the gaspipe. He struck a match to examine the pipe, and an explosion followed. Smith was hurled to the ground, but escaped with a few bruises. The woodwork took fire and the firemen

A DINNER FOR SENATOR McCARTER.
A dinner will be given for Senator-elect Thomas N. McCarter, Jr., to-morrow evening, at the University Club, New-York, by Uzal H. McCarter, president of the Fidelity Trust Company. The guests will include Senators Sewell and Keah,

Franklin Munnhy, Prosecutor Chamer W. Kiker,
Governor Voorhees, Senator Mahlon Pitney, Con-
gressman R. Wayne Parker, Barker Gummere,
John F. Dryden, Dr. Leslie D. Ward, State Con-
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